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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 8, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 8, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0331/JCH, for \$84.00, for one independent claim, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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